

Troopers Arrest Newark Man in Shoplifting Turned Robbery – New Castle

New Castle – The Delaware State Police have arrested 32-year-old Maurice Cole of Newark, in connection with a shoplifting turned robbery that took place at the Shell gas station late Monday morning.

The incident occurred at approximately 11:20 a.m., April 5, 2021, at the Shell gas station located at 299 Christiana Road, New Castle, when troopers responded to a shoplifting turned robbery. Investigation determined that Maurice Cole removed lottery tickets from the sales counter and attempted to exit the store without paying. A 47-year-old male employee confronted Cole and a struggle ensued. Troopers arrived on scene and witnessed the physical altercation. Troopers gave verbal commands to Cole which he did not follow. After several announcements were made without compliance, a trooper deployed his taser which was unsuccessful. After a brief struggle Cole was successfully taken into custody. Upon apprehension, troopers discovered Cole was in possession of 85 Oxycodone pills without a prescription.

Cole was transported to Troop 2 where he was charged with the following crimes:

- Robbery 1st Degree (Felony)
- Wearing a Disguise During the Commission of a Felony (Felony)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance
- Offensive Touching
- Malicious Interference with Emergency Communications – 2 counts
- Resisting Arrest

Cole was arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court #2 and committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution on \$36,200 secured bail.

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